The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
September 24, 1999

"I don't think it's sanitary to drink from the same footprint."

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Mr. Ken Greenberg of Skokie sent this cartoon to John McCarter.

FIELD NOTES

Week of September 27

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m, Special Events

Public Events

World Music Fest continues all week

Women's Board Cartier Ball
- Friday evening

Cartier 1900-1939 opens
- Saturday

The **Natural News** is edited by Rodger Patience in the Development department. Call ext. 7286 or e-mail *patience* with stories, news, events, or any item of interest to the Museum community.

NEW!!
Deadline for each week's issue is now **Wednesday** at noon.
NEW!!

DON'T FORGET!!
Eddie Bauer Discount Days
September 22-26
See Carole Kasarda for details.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

New Security manager named

Please join Public Services in welcoming **Jeffrey A. Hawkins** to his new position as Manager of the Security Services Department.

Jeff has worked in the public safety field in the Chicago area for more than 20 years. He has served as a police officer and supervisor for a northwest suburban police department, as well as Crime Prevention Specialist in the north suburbs. Jeff has held positions as head of security for a suburban hospital and for a pharmaceutical distribution company. He also spent four years with the National Safety Council as a manager within its Research and Statistical Services Division.

Jeff holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from National-Louis University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst College. He is an adjunct faculty member at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn where he teaches classes in Criminal Justice and has also been on staff at DeVRY Institute of Technology where he taught classes in management and computer technology. Jeff has published numerous articles in trade journals on topics of security, safety and law enforcement. He is a noted lecturer in the public safety field.

Jeff and his wife, Bonnie, reside in the northwest suburbs with their two children, Justin and Jessica.

Submitted by Diane White

Maureen King joins SUE team

The SUE Project is pleased to welcome **Maureen King** as the newest member of our staff. Many of you know Maureen from her work as public relations coordinator for Project Millennium. She will continue in that role for the next few months, gradually shifting her time to SUE as Project Millennium winds down.

As the event and communication coordinator for the SUE Project, Maureen will be responsible for organizing the many activities around SUE's unveiling next May. Welcome, Maureen!

Submitted by Carrie Hageman

The stars at night . . . .are big and bright

It is with great fondness and best wishes for the future that we bid farewell to **Marla Camp**, whose last day at the Museum is this Friday, September 24. Marla joined the Museum a couple of years ago, starting out as administrative assistant to Laura Gates in Museum Affairs and moving on this year to become marketing communications coordinator.

Through blood, sweat, tears and talent, Marla has made a significant contribution to the Museum. We have all enjoyed her great (and funky) personality! Marla is moving back to her ancestral home in Texas where she will be married next fall to the lucky guy who won her heart. The happy couple will reside in Austin.

There will be a going-away party for Marla today at 4:30 in the Exhibits atrium. Please join us to celebrate with Marla and give her a warm send-off.

Submitted by Melissa Hilton

Oh where, oh where, has our little cart gone?

The Membership Department's grey metal, two tiered cart has been missing for two weeks. It is marked with the Membership department's name, and answers to "Spot."

Won't you please return it to us?

Submitted by Susan Webb

Soon It Will Look and Feel Like Winter

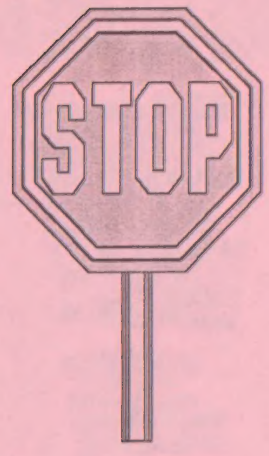
Events Chicago will be installing the South Door Canopy and the North Door Smoking Tent on September 27, 1999.

Service Fence will be installing the fence at the North and South Entrances on October 11, 1999.

Ivan Carlson will be installing the holiday decorations on November 11, 12, 15, 16, and 17.

If you have any concerns, please call the Public Services at extension 7911.

PARKING



DUE TO THE SCHEDULE CHANGE FROM SUMMER TO WINTER OPERATING HOURS AT SOLDIER FIELD, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MUSEUM STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS CAN PARK IN THE NORTH LOT FROM OCTOBER 1- APRIL 30.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Services Department at extension 7911 or visit **http://intranet1/departments/public_services/.html** for important Soldier Field Parking information about fees, schedules, and parking request form.

The Field Expedition Company™

The Field Museum's guide for scientific expeditions beyond the classroom

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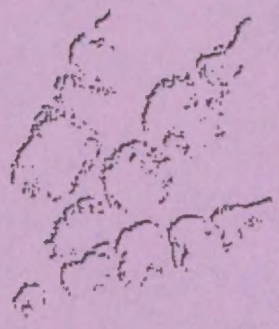
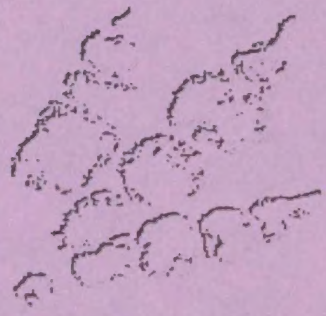
The Field Museum



Dig It!



A two-day, two-part electronic field trip

September 28 and 29, 1999

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., WYCC TV-20

On your lunch break, head out West for a working dinosaur dig through the Museum's FREE electronic field trip...Dig It!

Electronic field trips are **multimedia learning adventures** involving interactive, live broadcasts and supporting online experiences. The Field Museum's electronic field trips virtually take students to field excavation sites and Museum collections and exhibitions as part of a scientific expedition team.

In "Dig It!," a group of fourth and fifth graders from Chicago and Indiana will head out to Colorado and Utah with Field Museum scientists and dig for dinosaur bones. Broadcasted live via satellite, Chicago's Channel 20, and the Internet, "Dig It!" allows students in Chicago and nationwide to join in the expedition and work to uncover the secrets of a Jurassic watering hole (Tuesday, September 28) and a Jurassic river bend (Wednesday, September 29).

With Field Museum staff as expedition guides, students also can have your questions answered during the live broadcasts through a toll-free telephone call or by e-mail.

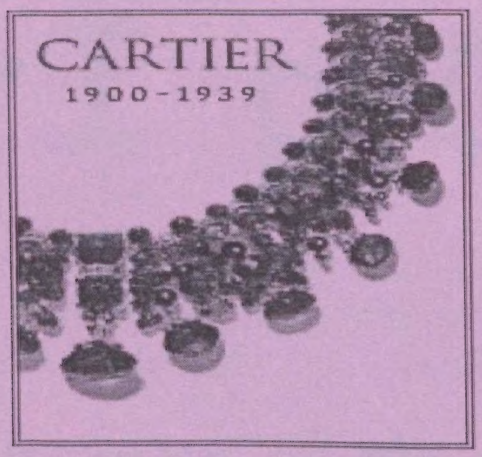
The live broadcasts of "Dig It!" will be aired at 1:30 p.m., September 28 and 29 on **Chicago's WYCC TV – 20**. Tune in to Channel 20 or visit our TV monitors, which will be set up on both days in Stanley Field Hall.

"Dig It!" is presented by the Field Expedition Company™, the educational technology program of The Field Museum, in partnership with Insite Distance Learning.

Tune in to Channel 20 and...

Experience the excitement of scientific discovery with the Field Expedition Company!

Preview for
Staff and Volunteers



Friday, October 1, 1999
10 am - 12 pm
Main Floor

Special Presentation: 10 a.m.
Featuring Judy Rudoe, Curator of the Cartier Exhibit from the British Museum, and our Museum staff

For more than one hundred fifty years, the firm of Cartier has been widely recognized as one of the world's greatest designers and manufacturers of jewelry and objects d'art. This exhibition presents the company's spectacular creations from the first four decades of the twentieth century, a period marked by outstanding originality of design and exceptional quality of execution.

Special Refreshments Will Be Served

Chicago Tribune

Sunday, September 19, 1999

Museums host pupils, parents for some quality time together

An estimated 6,000 pupils from 28 public elementary schools across the city on Saturday saw loads of fish, learned about the stars and walked under the skeletal remains of extinct dinosaurs—all for free.

The pupils, most from predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods, toured the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium under a program that aims to bring working parents together with their children, if only for a day.

"If you don't lend your children support and you're not there by their side, then they're going to look for attention on the streets," said Juan Rangel, executive director of the United Neighborhood Organization.

UNO holds the free museum field trip each year to coincide with the beginning of the school year, Rangel said.

Muchas gracias for help with UNO Day!

Many thanks to all who helped make UNO Day at The Field Museum the best ever! Very special thanks go out to **Ray Bondoc** and the entire **Visitor Services** staff, **Jeanette Watson** and **Ali Obaidallah** and the **Housekeeping** staff, **Miriam Alleyne** and **James Rushing** and the **Security** staff, and **Sheldon Moy** and the **FP&O** staff for facilitating a smooth, organized visit for the UNO families. In addition, thanks are due to: **Beth Adams, Bob Cantu, Renee Chester, Beth Crownover, Liz Cruger, Kathleen D'Onofrio, Kathryn Eggers, Maria Fontana, Johanna Krynytzky, Mary Ellen Munley, Lauren Niimi, Paula Ramos, Modesta Rivera, Bill Ryan, Sue Stott, Randy Strickland, Connie Sulkin, Encarnación Teruel, Lynette Troha,** and **Kristie Webber** (Education); **Bob Cazy, Ron Hall** and **Mentee Teah** (Audio/Visual); **Amanda Geppert** and **Madelyn Thompson** (Institutional Advancement); **Fay Hartog-Levin** (External Affairs); **Diane White** (Public Services); and **Eric Hoffman, Amanda Reeves, Trigg Waller** and **Lori Walsh** (Exhibits). Thanks are also due to the following terrific volunteers: **Connie Bernal, Librado Briseño, Teresa Briseño, Alicia Cruz, Guadalupe Cruz, Teresa Flowers, Malcolm Jones, Niurka Mastrapa, Melba Mayo, Sam Mayo, Mary Nelson, Christian Nutall, Karen Orduz, Carmen Pagan, Anna Rodriguez, Dr. F. Rodriguez, Jay Savage, Florence Selko, Bill Stein, Hector Villagrana,** and **Bud Walton.**

Submitted by **Christina Breslow, Eduarda Briseño** and **Erica Kelly**

THE Human Relations
Foundation OF CHICAGO
A supporting organization of
The Chicago Community Trust

September 17, 1999

John McCarter
President
The Field Museum
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear McCarter,

I wanted to thank you and your staff, especially the education department, for your continued support of Unity Month with our fourth "Unity Day at the Field Museum" event that was held on September 4th 1999. I am sorry that I was unable to attend do to an unfortunate circumstance, but my staff person told me the day was a success. The opening of the "Sounds from the Vaults" exhibit and related activities were a perfect match for the goal of Unity.

Once again, thank you for promoting the common vision of people coming together regardless of difference with your support of Unity Month. The Human Relations Foundation and The Chicago Commission on Human Relations look forward to working with you and your staff next year on our fifth Unity Month collaboration.

Sincerely,

Clarence

Clarence N. Wood
President

222 North LaSalle ... [312] 456-7750

Do you plan events at the Museum?

The new Museum ticketing system, called Paciolan, has a feature that will alert reservation staff (Daisy Janeway in the Education Booking Office and Laurie Sanders in the Group Sales office) of special events or activities taking place in and around the Museum that may have impact on groups and individual visitors.

Things like:

- Soldier Field events i.e. Bears and Fire games
- Education festivals
- Events that close the Museum early (i.e. Women's Board Tea)
- Events that close an exhibit for a portion of the day (e.g. Construction)

This allows us to give our groups the best information to plan their visit. Whether it's not scheduling groups into Underground Adventure due to an Electronic Field Trip, encouraging them to come early due to a soccer game or making sure they know about the Harvest Festival when they visit – it is all about giving excellent customer service to our visitors.

So, with this in mind, if you plan an event that impacts visitors in any way, please fill out the bottom of this page and send it to Laurie Sanders as far in the future as possible. If you have questions about this, call Laurie at 7303.

Return all replies to:
ATTN: Laurie Sanders, Group Sales Manager
Via either:
Fax: 7601
E-mail: lsanders@fmnh.org
Inter-office mail

** * * Day Alert Submission * * **

Please fill out one form per event!

Name of event			
Date (s) of event			
Museum Coordinator name and extension:			
Time of event:			
Time of set-up:			
Time of break-down:			
Impact on visitor: Please include things such as early closing, parking, areas in Museum affected, and language you would like used to describe the event.	❑ Early Closing Time:_____ ❑ Late Closing Time:_____ Reason:	❑ Parking Affected Describe:	❑ Exhibit Affected Describe:
More Description:			

Exhibits staff attend Fifth Annual Digital Storytelling Festival

What is digital storytelling? And how can we use it to tell The Field Museum's stories to our visitors—both actual and virtual? Exhibit developers **Melissa Johnson** and **Matt Matcuk** attended the 5th Annual Digital Storytelling Conference on September 16-18 in Crested Butte, Colorado, to find out.

The three-day conference featured speakers from the spheres of the arts, publishing, software development, education, e-commerce, and entertainment industries, to name a few. Presentations ranged from the how-to's of digital tools for enhancing website interactivity, to the broadest questions of how digitally-enabled interactivity might change the nature of communication in the future.

Watch for signs for an upcoming Exhibits Brown-Bag Lunch, when we will report on the conference, complete (we hope) with our own digital "story." You can also learn more about the conference by checking out their website at: http://www.dstory.com/dsf5/index2.html.

Submitted by Matt Matcuk and Melissa Johnson

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Safety consultant to visit Museum

Monona Rossol, our Museum Safety Consultant, will be visiting the Museum Monday, October 4 through Friday, October 8. She will be conducting Safety Inspections throughout the entire Museum, as well as conducting safety training sessions. There will be a Hazard Communication session for new employees and annual review sessions for employees who have already attended a training session. There will also be a separate session for supervisors and managers on their responsibilities in our safety program.

The Hazard Communication program is designed for new employees and for those who need an annual update. It covers all aspects of working with hazardous chemicals in the Museum, including materials storage, fire, medical and emergency situations, housekeeping, personal protective equipment, etc. Any employee working in an area with hazardous chemicals must attend a session to comply with federal regulatory guidelines concerning employee orientation and training. Supervisors should ensure that these employees are identified and notified.

Hazard Communication for new employees:
Wednesday, October 6, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Hazard Communication Review Sessions:
Wednesday, Oct 6, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Supervisor's Safety Awareness Session:
Friday, October 8, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All training sessions will take place in Classroom A (formerly Classroom 1)

Supervisors should attend the Supervisor's session regardless of department since this presentation will cover a number of issues and responsibilities, including Right-to-know, accident prevention, training responsibilities, etc.

The safety inspections will begin Monday afternoon. We will try to advise departments of the approximate time Monona will be in your area. Please review your safety policies and procedures, and have your MSDS's current if applicable. If you use chemicals or inflammables, please insure they are stored and safeguarded properly. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss safety issues and concerns with Monona.

Submitted by Marcia Pyle

WITH GRATITUDE

Thanks for the help with Cultural Connections

Thank you to staff, volunteers, and interns who helped the Center for Cultural Understanding and Change (CCUC) to launch the first event of the Cultural Connections program on September 8. It's always a pleasure to work with departments that do those extra things that make an event successful!

Many thanks to each of you—Collections, Visitor Services, Special Events, Education, Security, Housekeeping, Exhibits, Public Relations—and the list goes on!

Submitted by Jaci Gray

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Cartier Opening Weekend Event

Lecture/book signing featuring Judy Rudoe, Assistant Keeper, Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities, The British Museum, London.

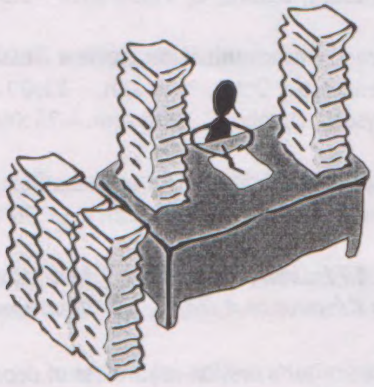
Jeweler of Genius
Saturday, October 2, 2:00 p.m.
Montgomery Ward Lecture Hall

Join British Museum Curator Judy Rudoe, co-curator of the exhibition *Cartier 1900-1939* and author of the exhibition catalogue, for a special opening weekend lecture, which will reveal not only exciting discoveries about some of Cartier's greatest jewels and their glamorous owners, but also present a history of twentieth century jewelry through the work of a legendary jeweler.

Ms. Rudoe has been a member of the Department of Medieval & Later Antiquities at the British Museum since 1974, and is an authority on jewelry and on 19th and 20th century decorative arts.

Following the lecture, join Ms. Rudoe for a book signing of the *Cartier 1900-1939* exhibition catalogue. Copies of the catalogue will be available for purchase following the lecture. This lecture is free to the public.

Submitted by Lauren Nimii



SPECIAL NOTE

There will be no *Natural News* next week—Friday, October 1. Publication will resume with the following week's issue, so please plan to make submissions for that issue no later than Wednesday, October 6.